(e) Yes Sir.

Article VIII of the NPT provides for a five yearly review of the Treaty and the Fifth Review Conference is scheduled to take place in 1995. Article X provides that "25 years after the entry into force of the Treaty, a conference shall be convened to decide whether the Treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods". This decision will be taken in 1994.

(f) Yes, Sir. Government believes that the NPT in its present form is discriminatory and attempts to create a permanent division between the nuclear 'haves' and 'have-nots'.

Threat of Nuclear Proliferation

3623. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has told Japan that the threat of nuclear proliferation in South Asia arises primarily from vast stocks of unsafeguarded plutonium in India's possession with which it can manufacture nearly 200 bombs', as per the newsitem entitled "Threat from India, Pakistan tells Japan" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 15-2-93; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government has seen the press report.

(b) In bilateral discussions with the Japanese, Government has reiterated the peaceful nature of India's nuclear programme.

Cases of Piracies and Crimes on the High Seas

3624. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the cases registered against piracies and crimes on the High Seas;

(b) what is the stage of their finalisation/disposal; and

(c) since how long, they are pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No cases regarding piracies and crimes on the High seas have been rekistered.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pakistan's Interference in India's Internal Matters

3625. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up with the members of Commission for Human Rights, the attempt of Pakistan to interfere in India's internal matters by raising Jammu and Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, the reaction of those countries in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Government have apprised all concerned countries that Pakistan's attempts to introduce a resolution on Jammu & Kashmir at the Human Rights Commission aimed at internationalising the issue are totally unaccepable to India being in violation of the Simla Agreement. Such actions are only an attempt by Pakistan to divert attention from the central issue of Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India and they cast doubts on Pakistan's sincerity to pursue a meaningful bilateral dialogue.

(b) There is international appreciation of India's position. In fact, Pakistan's attempt to introduce a resolution on Kashmir in the Human Rights Commission failed to materialise for want of support.

Abduction of Fishermen by Pakistan and Sri Lanka

3626. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fishermen abducted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the last two years;